

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Mail Processing Network
Rationalization Service Changes, 2012

Docket No. N2012-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING
EXCUSING WITNESSES FROM APPEARING AT HEARING

(Issued March 19, 2012)

No participant filed a notice to conduct oral cross-examination of witnesses Masse (USPS-T-2) and Rachel (USPS-T-8). Under Commission practice, witnesses for whom no participant has requested oral cross-examination and for whom the bench has no questions need not attend formal hearings. Therefore, the foregoing witnesses are excused from appearing at the hearing.

Their testimony may be offered into evidence at the hearing through counsel.¹ The testimony must be accompanied by a declaration authenticating its accuracy and, if applicable, any designated written cross-examination.²

¹ The practice of excusing witnesses from appearing at hearings is designed for the convenience of the witnesses and the parties. Nonetheless, if any of the foregoing witnesses prefers to offer his (or her) testimony in person at the hearing, that arrangement will be accommodated.

² The testimony of the foregoing witnesses will be offered for inclusion in the record at the outset of the hearing.

RULING

The testimonies of witnesses Masse (USPS-T-2) and Rachel (USPS-T-8) may be offered into evidence at the hearing by counsel. These witnesses need not appear at the hearing.

Ruth Y. Goldway
Presiding Officer